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The Bandit Boss

He is given free hand by his Government to disrupt the world. In turn, he gives his Government free hand to deny knowledge of his activity. Today he is the most hated man in the world. Meet CIA Director, Richard Helms.

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What actually does the world know about CIA-Chief R. M. Helms? Anyone perusing the 12,378 biographies in "Who's Who in American Politics" (New York/London) must resign himself to the fact that no mention is made of Mr. Helms, while the reference book "Who is Who in America" spares no more for him than a paltry 12 lines. The following documentation gives so far the most detailed characterization of Richard M. Helms.

FOR nearly five years Richard McGarrath Helms has been at the helm of the CIA with its 52,359 employees and tens of thousands of agents of various nationalities.

His official title is Director of Central Intelligence — DCI; his office is the CIA Centre in Langley/Virginia, 7th floor, room number 75, 706; his last residence: 3901 Fessenden Street, Washington DC20016.

At Helms' official appointment, the US President maintained CIA-Directors to be just as unsung as invaluable. Helms' official yearly salary is after all 30,000 dollars, though this is no more than a trifle compared with the sums he is larded with by the big bosses' lobby.

Then who is that man whom the representatives of the US-establishment, those tycoons of Wall Street, have picked for one of the most influential functions in the entire imperialist camp?

Needless to say that Helms' origin goes back to the capitalist class. His grandparents on his father's side were German

migrants. His father Herman Helms was a manager of the Aluminum Company of America (Alcoa), the trust which holds a key-position in the North-American military-industrial complex and has many international connections.

After having spent his youth in South Orange, a fashionable suburb of New York City, he attended high-school in Freiburg (Western Germany) and an exclusive college in Switzerland. At 22 he graduated from the William's College in the USA.

Following that he worked for 2 years as a newspaper reporter in Hitler's Germany, 4 years on the editorial management of the TIMES of Indianapolis and the following 28 years in various US intelligence services.

His pre-war experience as TIMES advertising manager for the entire territory of the USA helped him to expand his private contacts with big business.

Meanwhile, Helms has become a servant of the US monopoly groups, a man who as to unscrupulousness has hardly ever been outdone by anyone else.

This goes a long way to explain why he never fails to make the regular tour d'horizon in person before the Business Council of Top Corporation Executives, the group of the country's most influential industrial managers as

was the case only recently in the "Homestead-Hotel" in Hot Springs, Virginia.

Helms exercises Nazi Intelligence

Helms was one of Hitler's admirers, as manifested in his reports as United Press Correspondent on the 1936 Berlin Olympic Games and above all in the interview with Hitler in 1937 when Helms was only 24.

In 1942, Helms enlisted in the US-Navy as a lieutenant and left in 1946 as a lieutenant commander. On account of his linguistic prowess he held, during the Second World War, several office jobs, was promoted from time to time and, eventually in 1943, seconded to the then military intelligence unit Office of Strategic Services (OSS).

In 1943, side by side with the OSS-Resident for Europe, Allen Welsh Dulles, he was busy, reactivating Hitler's military intelligence service, headed by Lieutenant-General Reinhard Goehlen with a view to put new life into the anti-socialist Cold War. His theatre of operation was then West Berlin, Frankfurt/Main and Munich. Since those days Helms has served five US Presidents in poisoning the international atmosphere. In 1947, he was attached to the organisational staff of CIA and was from the very beginning in charge of the "Office of Special Operations" dealing with secret, so-called back espionage

and sabotage operations. Helms furthermore kept under his thumb the Political Propaganda Section for ideological subversion. In 1948 Helms was one of the initiators of the National Security Council's confidential directive NSC 102 which allows the CIA to engage in so-called special operations provided they are "limited" and kept sufficiently from the public so that the US-administration is able to issue a denial at any time.

By 1962, Helms had climbed up the ladder into the 3rd position of CIA-hierarchy and became director of the subversive Planning Section. In 1965, President Johnson appointed him deputy director and in mid-1966 director of CIA. In this function, Helms is also chairman of the U.S. Intelligence Board into which flow all the nine US civil and military intelligence branches.

No Institution

There is no institution in the USA entitled to exercise any effective control over Helms or his CIA, neither the Senate nor the House of Representatives. The following fact does not lack a good deal of cynicism: When in 1967 another CIA-scandal broke to high heaven, the US-President felt compelled to open an investigation and called in the House of Representatives other but the immediately incriminated individuals.

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